

I cannot say with strong enough words how much I oppose the "Broadcast Flag" which you are considering. Your responsibility is to manage a public resource, for the benefit of the public. The public does not in my opinion include corporations, even if publicly held. If CBS/Viacom doesn't want to transmit HDTV content that is their business. The goal of improving the quality of over the air programming is admirable, but should not take precedence over the rights of the citizens of the republic. Those businesses who cannot adapt will not make it. Trying to protect their outmoded business models is not your responsibility. Please try and remember that ultimately your charter derives from the Constitution, and that the power of the Constitution comes from the consent of the governed, which are the citizens, not the corporations, of this country.